

## Statement of Academic Intent for MA applicants

### **Limit of 600 words**

1. Introduction - This should be a very brief section introducing yourself. State if you are currently in a program or working in your field and what you want to study.
2. Academic preparation - This is actually a continuation of your introduction.
  - a) In this section you need to let us know that you are well prepared academically to undertake graduate work. Tell us about your education thus far. For instance, if you want to study primatology or medical anthropology, let us know you have had courses related to this. If you want to study Mesoamerican archaeology, let us know that even though no courses were offered at your university, you have had outside experiences or done extracurricular reading in the subject that have prepared you to undertake graduate work.
  - b) Discuss any important papers you have written that demonstrate your analytical abilities. Also include any conference presentations or publications in this section.
  - c) Present your relevant work experience, especially if you had any kind of responsibility for testing, designing, researching or interning in an area similar to what you wish to study in graduate school.
3. Current activities – Again this is a section that should highlight your relevant background. If you graduated and worked prior to returning to grad school, indicate what you've been doing: company or non-profit, your work/design team, responsibilities, what you learned. You can also indicate here how this helped you focus your graduate studies
4. Academic interests (include any faculty members with whom you may want to work) –
  - a) Here you indicate what you would like to study in graduate school in enough detail to convince the faculty that you understand the field and are engaged with current research.
  - b) Look on the web for information about department, including professors and their research. Mention the professors whose research interests parallel yours and the unique labs or field opportunities that are available at the UofC.